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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2617
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SAVING OF GROUNDNUT CROP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by the Government to save groundnut crop from "Bud Necrosis" a viral disease affecting the crops;

(b) whether any proposal is pending with the Government for funding National Agriculture Technology Project under Rainfed Agriculture Systems;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) The Government has taken the following measures to save the groundnut crop from Bud Necrosis Virus disease:

(i) Constitution of survey teams to create awareness among the farmers and to organise plant protection campaign for the control of the disease;

(ii) Training to farmers and other field functionaries in the proper diagnosis of the disease and the vector;

(iii) Publicity through Akashwani, Doordarshan and visual display in the Cinema Hallsas well as distribution of pamphlets, etc. about the management of the disease; and

(iv) Application of pesticides, viz. Monocrotophos mixed with the crude neem oil for controlling the insect vector.

(b) & (c): A proposal for "An Integrated Approach to Control Stem Necrosis ofGroundnut" for funding under the National Agriculture Technology Project of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has already been sanctioned for a sum of Rs.42.574 lakhs.

(d) Question does not arise.